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HEALTH SERVICES IN NER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any special programme for ensuring quality Health Services in the North Eastern Regions (NER)

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(a) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The National Rural Health Mission has been launched by Hon`ble Prime Minister on the 12th April 2005. The vision of NRHM is to provide effective healthcare to rural population throughout the country with special focus on 18 states, which have weak public health indicators and or weak infrastructure. These 18 states include the 8 North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim & Tripura.

The Mission is an articulation of the commitment of the Government to raise public spending on health from 0.9% to 2-3% of GDP. It aims to undertake architectural correction of the health system to effectively handle the increased allocation, promote policies that strengthen public health management and public health delivery in the country. It also seeks effective integration of health concerns with other determinants of health, decentralization of programmes for district management of health, aims to address inter state & inter district disparities and improved access of rural people especially poor women & children to affordable and effective primary health care.

In the financial year 2005-06, upto November 2005, a total of Rs. 253.91 Crore has been released under various programmes of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for the eight North Eastern States.